

know it. We may now run the most humane prison in the most scenic location in the world. But it is still a prison. Many prisoners have been kept in cells for more than 3 years without being charged and without a meaningful process to evaluate or challenge their detention. Regardless of how well the detainees are treated, it is not the American way to detain them indefinitely without an adequate hearing. These policies are not only beneath us, but they have radicalized an untold number of Muslims around the world. Even Secretary Rumsfeld had to admit last year that he did not know whether we were "capturing, killing or dissuading more terrorists every day than the madrassas and radical clerics are recruiting, training and deploying against us."

This is important because it is the ideals of the American people and of our great and good country, and our longstanding commitment to the rule of law, that are being compromised. These are not the policies of a great nation like ours, and this is not the American system of justice that has been a beacon to the entire world. We need not trade away our values and the principles that have guided us in order to feel safer or to be safer. And if we do that, we give those who would harm us a victory they could not win on any battlefield, and we cede leverage to them that they will never deserve.

Everyone in Congress agrees that we must capture and detain terrorist suspects, but it can and should be done in accordance with the laws of war and in a manner that upholds our commitment to the rule of law. In our recent hearing on detainees, Senator GRAHAM, a former Air Force lawyer who still serves in the Reserves, said that once enemy combatant status has been conferred upon someone, "it is almost impossible not to envision that some form of prosecution would follow." He continued, "We can do this and be a rule of law nation. We can prove to the world that even among the worst people in the world, the rule of law is not an inconsistent concept."

We know that some of the detainees have been wrongly detained. And many suspect there are others who have not yet been released, against whom the evidence is weak at best. In a January 8, 2005, New York Times article, a senior American official claimed "that the vast majority of the 550 prisoners now held at the American detention center at Guantanamo no longer had any intelligence value and were no longer being regularly interrogated." The article also quotes a veteran interrogator at Guantanamo who told the New York Times that it "became clear over time that most of the detainees had little useful to say and that they were just swept up during the Afghanistan war with little evidence they played any significant role."

The administration says these detainees are the "worst of the worst" and pose a continuing threat to the

safety of Americans. If that is true, there must be at least basic evidence to support it. No one advocates releasing terrorists. But it is the American way to provide a fair process to ensure that the detainees at Guantanamo really are a threat to our Nation. In a break with military tradition and regulations, the administration denied detainees even the limited process contemplated by Article 5 of the Third Geneva Convention, and established the Combatant Status Review Tribunal, CSRT, only after being rebuked by the Supreme Court in *Rasul v. Bush*. The CSRT affirmed the "enemy combatant" status of the Guantanamo detainees based on secret evidence to which the detainees were denied access, raising serious questions about the fairness of the process.

It is time for Congress to focus on the real issue, which is defending American ideals and our commitment to the rule of law. The chicken at Guantanamo may be wonderful, but this matters little to America's core values if we are imprisoning some people who may have been wrongly accused of supporting terrorism and who have no way to challenge their detention.

The administration is trumpeting the humane treatment of detainees at Guantanamo as a diversion. Guantanamo is a symbol of the needless problems created by the unilateral ways this administration has chosen to proceed since 9/11. It is being used to deflect attention from this administration's deliberate rejection of the rule of law.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CBR YOUTH CONNECT

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise to make a few remarks concerning CBR Youth Connect.

"Youth are our focus and our future, connecting is our job." This statement represents the newly expanded vision of Colorado Boys Ranch, CBR, Youth Connect, a foundation with a 45-year history of helping troubled young men become productive citizens in their communities and throughout the world. CBR Youth Connect offers more than 200 applied learning opportunities and nontraditional programs and therapies, each one designed to help youth enhance their skills, attitudes, and relations with others. Programs and services range from animal-assisted programs to family therapy to an accredited school system. Each program and service offered by CBR Youth Connect is designed to contribute to a boy's overall treatment plan, helping him learn, grow, and develop as an individual.

The roots for CBR Youth Connect were planted in 1958 when county judges, from various districts in the State of Colorado, envisioned a rural orphanage that would be an ideal setting for dependant and neglected boys.

They found their setting in the agrarian community of La Junta, located in Colorado's southeast corner. And with the admittance of the first boys in 1961, the Colorado Boys Ranch was born.

From the moment of conception, the mission of the Colorado Boys Ranch has been to do whatever is necessary to help each troubled boy. Over the last 45 years, CBR has developed from a Colorado orphanage into a highly accredited national mental health treatment and education organization serving youth with severe mental health needs. Due to the hard work and dedication of their highly experienced staff, CBR has garnered various accomplishments, including a customer satisfaction rating of 96 percent from parents, youth, and referral services. CBR Youth Connect has recently been rated as "one of the best in the nation" by the rigorous Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care, and it features one of the largest, most comprehensive data bases in the Nation for analysis and research of adolescent mental health.

In 2003, with a decrease in public funding, the Colorado Boys Ranch Board felt confident that the ranch could evolve into a new organizational structure. Recognizing the commitment of their dedicated staff and CBR's extraordinary success rate, the board believed that they could transform into an organization that would reach many more youth, families, and advocates. Their new vision statement was based on the notion that: "Youth are our focus and our future, connecting is our job." Their goal is to connect youth and their families with knowledge, relationships, and resources; and out of this fresh outlook came with it a new name: CBR Youth Connect.

Currently more than 120 youth, ages 10-21, from all ethnic, cultural, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds are admitted to CBR Youth Connect each year. With the advent of their new organizational structure and expanded vision, CBR Youth Connect hopes to expand their reach to troubled youth around the world with the hopes of becoming recognized as the foremost leader in psychiatric residential treatment and education. To accomplish this goal, staff members are traveling to countries around the world, providing the latest in research, treatment, and education to help troubled youth and their families.

I salute CBR Youth Connect.●

##### HONORING THE CAREER OF CHARLES W. PHILLIPS

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the great achievements of Charles W. Phillips, director of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions. After 16 years serving the citizens of our State, Charlie Phillips is entering into a well-deserved retirement. Over the years, he has contributed to the safety and soundness of Indiana's banking industry, and I am honored to have the opportunity to